

Please enter the following claims as amended:

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1. A method for reducing contamination inside a plastic container, comprising coating selected portions of the container with a coating that consists essentially of titanium dioxide.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising using the container for holding semiconductor wafers.

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5. A method for reducing contamination inside a plastic container, comprising coating selected portions of the inside of the container with a coating that is relatively hydrophilic, wherein said coating is further adapted to decompose organic molecules into gases.

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10. An apparatus for reducing contamination of an article, comprising a plastic container adapted for holding the article, and a coating on selected portions of said container, said coating consisting essentially of titanium dioxide.

Add new claims 14-18 as follows:

14. The method of claim 2, further comprising selecting said portions to be interior surfaces of the container.

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15. A method for storing semiconductor wafers, comprising providing a plastic

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container, providing a coating on said container including titanium dioxide, and using said container to hold the semiconductor wafers.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said coating consists essentially of titanium dioxide.

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17. The method of claim 15, wherein said coating is provided on interior surfaces of the container.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein said coating is provided on interior surfaces of the container.

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 2, and 10 are amended as follows:

--1 (amended). A method for reducing contamination inside a plastic container [including a plastic material], comprising coating selected portions of the [plastic material of the] container with a coating that [includes] consists essentially of titanium dioxide.

2 (amended). The method of claim 1, [wherein] further comprising using the container [is especially adapted] for holding semiconductor wafers[, and wherein the selected portions are interior surfaces of the container].

5 (amended). A method for reducing contamination in a plastic container [including a plastic material], comprising coating selected portions of the inside of the container with a coating that is [adapted to be] relatively hydrophilic, wherein said coating is further adapted to decompose organic molecules into gases.

10 (amended). An apparatus for reducing contamination of an article, comprising a plastic container adapted for holding the article, [said container including a plastic material, the apparatus further comprising] and a coating on selected portions of said [plastic material of said] container, said coating [including] consisting essentially of titanium dioxide.--

Claims 14-18 have been added.